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Re: **Appeal of Post Office Closing
Downtown Branch
401 Centre Street
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034**

Office of PAGR

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to appeal the recent decision to close the post office located in downtown Fernandina Beach.


I, personally, work for an attorney whose office is located on Centre Street. As you know, attorneys send out large envelopes and certified mail on a regular basis. I frequently go to the post office. The post office is located across the street from the courthouse, and there are several law offices, real estate offices, etc. in the area immediately surrounding the post office. We all utilize the post office and need the services in that location.

Books Plus is an outstanding retail book store. But, their primary business is selling books. While it is nice that they have a Post Office substation in their store, they cannot be expected to service the postal needs of the businesses downtown and assist customers with their book selections at the same time. Additionally, anything mailed at that substation after 2:00 p.m. will not go out until the next day. That service is not an acceptable alternative.

The Sadler post office is not an option. Downtown offices close at 5:00. Employees will need to leave early each day to allow enough time to go inside for large envelopes and certified mail and purchase of stamps. Also, it should be noted that anything dropped outside in the box has to be there before 4:30 p.m. or it will not go out that day. Consideration needs to be given to those who, for whatever reason, just cannot get to the Sadler post office before the post office closes.

I respectfully request that you reconsider your decision to close the downtown Fernandina Beach main post office. Doing so will be a hardship on the businesses and local community that depends on that branch.

Sincerely,


Jane S. Van Delinder